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SUBJ: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE RIO TREATY AREA OF COVERAGE

1. TAYLOR AND GANTZ DISCUSSED WITH CANADIAN OBSERVER HIGHAM
REVISED MAPS OF AREA OF COVERAGE FOR INCORPORATION IN PROTOCOL.
(COPIES OF MAPS PREPARED BY PERMANENT COUNCIL WERE
SENT TO DOD/ISA, L AND GEOGRAPHER.) HIGHAM INDICATED THAT
TO BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE GOC TERRITORIAL CLAIMS EXTEND TO
NORTH POLE; HE ALSO SUGGESTED WESTERN BOUNDARY IN ARTIC SHOULD
BEGIN AT 141 DEG. WEST LONGITUDE RATHER THAN 140. HIGHAM SAID HIS
INSTRUCTIONS WOULD PERMIT HIM TO SPEAK BRIEFLY IF ASKED TO
DO SO, INDICATING ONLY THAT GOC'S DECISION NOT TO SPEAK
SUBSTANTIVELY ON THE AREA OF COVERAGE SHOULD NOT BE INTER-
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PRETED AS GOC ACCEPTANCE OF AREA OF COVERAGE AS DEFINITIVE
WITH RESPECT TO GOC CLAIMS.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO 1) EXTENT OF KNOWN

GOC CLAIMS IN POLE AREA AND TO WEST, AND 2) WHETHER USG HAS
ACCEPTED OR IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THOSE CLAIMS. HIGHAM INDICATED
THAT, IF AND WHEN GOC MIGHT DECIDE TO BECOME PARTY TO RIO
TREATY, PROCESS WOULD BE F
CILITATED SOMEWHAT IF AREA OF
COVERAGE ACCEPTABLE TO GOC WITH RESPECT TO CANADIAN TERRI-
TORIAL CLAIMS. WHILE REALIZING THIS IS NOT A MAJOR ISSAE
IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, WE ARE INCLINED TO SHARE THIS VIEW,
AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO WORK FOR MODIFICATIONS OF MAP IF
THE USG IS NOT IN DISAGREEMENT WITH THE EXTENT OF THE GOC CLAIM.

3. WE BELIEVE MAPS 1, 4 AND "9(ONLY ONES APPROVED BY
SPECIAL COMMITTEE) ACCEPTABLE TO USG, THOUGH WE HOPE TO
EXPAND HIGH-SEAS COVERAGE NEAR SOUTHEASTERN US COAST, WHERE
WE WOULD PREFER TO BRING MAJOR US-LA SHIPPING LINES WITHIN
REVISED AREA.
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